

## ARCHIVING OF VECTORS

### ABSTRACT

5           The invention relates to a solid medium or matrix for storage of nucleic acid  
molecules (e.g. RNA and/or DNA), particularly vectors and especially plasmids,  
comprising a solid matrix preferably having a compound or composition which protects  
against degradation of nucleic acids incorporated into or absorbed on the matrix. The  
invention also relates to methods for storage or isolation/purification of nucleic acids  
10 using this solid medium, and *in situ* use of the stored or isolated/purified nucleic acids.

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